

CLAIMS

1-11. (Withdrawn from consideration)

12. (Currently Amended) A ~~homogenised starch-containing~~ mass ~~, containing preferably comprising~~ at least 45% by weight of an amorphous starch ~~with an amylopectine content of greater or equal to 50% by weight with respect to the weight of the starch in water-free condition,~~ water, and at least one organic softener in at least 12% by weight with respect to the weight of the water-free starch, wherein the mass is a homogenised mass having a the limiting viscosity index of the homogenised mass is at least 40 ml/g, and wherein the starch has an amylopectin content of greater or equal 50% by weight with respect to the weight of the starch in water-free condition and is obtainable from native or chemically-modified starch.

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15. (Previously Amended) A homogenised mass according to claim 13, wherein the mass contains glycerine monostearate and lecithin in a weight ratio of 1:1.5.

16. (Currently Amended) A homogenised mass according to claim 12, wherein the mass additionally contains an aggregate in a weight range of 3.5% by weight to 15% by weight with respect to the total weight of the mass, wherein the aggregate is selected from the group consisting of carbonates, ~~and/or~~ hydrogen carbonates of alkali ~~and/or~~ earth alkali ions, ~~preferably calcium carbonate,~~

amylases, further decomposing agents, colourings, preservatives, anti-oxidants, physically ~~and/or~~ chemically modified biopolymers and vegetable polypeptides.

17. (Currently Amended) A shape body, in particular a soft capsule casing, manufactured from a mass according to claim 12 ~~and/or according to a method according to claim 1.~~

18. (Previously Amended) A shape body, in particular soft capsule casing, according to claim 17, wherein the shape body has an elongation at rupture of at least 100% at 25°C and 60% relative humidity.

19. (Previously Amended) A shape body, in particular soft capsule casing according to claim 17, wherein the shape body at 25°C and 60% relative air humidity has a strength, σ_m , of at least 2 MPa.

20. (Previously Amended) A shape body according to claim 17, wherein the shape body is a soft capsule and that the capsule casing comprises a thickness in the region between 0.1 and 0.2 mm.

21. (Previously Amended) A shape body, in particular soft capsule casing, according to claim 17, wherein the shape body consists of a multi-layered film and that at least two of the layers have a different chemical composition.

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23. (Previously added) A homogenised starch-containing mass

according to claim 12 wherein the limiting viscosity index of the homogenised mass is at least 50 ml/g.

24. (Previously added) A homogenised starch-containing mass according to claim 12 wherein the limiting viscosity index of the homogenised mass is at least 60 ml/g.

25. (Previously added) A homogenised mass according to claim 15, wherein the mass contains glycerine monostearate and lecithin in a weight ratio of 1:1.2.

26. (Previously added) A homogenised mass according to claim 15, wherein the mass contains glycerine monostearate and lecithin in a weight ratio of 1:1.

 27. (Previously added) A homogenised mass according to claim 16, wherein the mass additionally contains an aggregate in a weight range of 5% by weight to 8% by weight.

28. (Previously added) A shape body, in particular soft capsule casing, according to claim 18, wherein the shape body has an elongation at rupture of at least 160% at 25°C and 60% relative humidity.

29. (Previously added) A shape body, in particular soft capsule casing, according to claim 18, wherein the shape body has an elongation at rupture of at least 240% at 25°C and 60% relative humidity.

30. (Previously added) A shape body, in particular soft

capsule casing according to claim 19, wherein the shape body at 25°C and 60% relative air humidity has a strength, σ_m , in the range of 3.5 MPa to 8 Mpa.

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31. (Previously added) A shape body, in particular soft capsule casing according to claim 19, wherein the shape body at 25°C and 60% relative air humidity has a strength, σ_m , in the range of 4 MPa to 6.5 Mpa.

32. (Previously added) A shape body according to claim 20, wherein the shape body is a soft capsule and that the capsule casing comprises a thickness in the region between 0.2 and 0.6 mm.
